

HOUSE BILL 1391

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public School Construction Program – Maryland School for the Blind**

3 FOR the purpose of making the Maryland School for the Blind eligible for certain
4 school construction funding under the Public School Construction Program for
5 certain fiscal years, notwithstanding a certain provision of law and subject to
6 certain regulations; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain
7 regulations; prohibiting the amount of funds allocated to the Maryland School
8 for the Blind from being used in determining the total amount of funds allocated
9 for certain projects in Baltimore City and Baltimore County; specifying that this
10 Act may not preclude the Maryland School for the Blind from receiving and
11 using certain funds allocated to it in the State's capital budget; and generally
12 relating to including the Maryland School for the Blind in the Public School
13 Construction Program.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Education
16 Section 8–319
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

19 Preamble

20 WHEREAS, The Maryland School for the Blind is a body corporate of the State,
21 the charter of which was established on May 19, 1853, and is governed in accordance
22 with § 8–314 of the Education Article; and

23 WHEREAS, The mission of the Maryland School for the Blind is to serve
24 Maryland's blind and visually handicapped students; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) NOTWITHSTANDING § 4-114 OF THIS ARTICLE AND SUBJECT TO**
2 **REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, FOR FISCAL YEARS**
3 **2013 THROUGH 2028, THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND SHALL BE**
4 **ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**
5 **PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

6 **(B) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR**
7 **FUNDING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT**
8 **THE MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
9 **REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE THAT**
10 **APPLY TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**
11 **PROJECTS FUNDED FOR COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amount of funds
13 allocated to the Maryland School for the Blind under this Act may not be used in
14 determining the total amount of funds allocated for public school construction or
15 public school capital improvements in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be
17 construed to preclude the Maryland School for the Blind from receiving and using
18 other funds allocated to the school in the State's capital budget.

19 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 June 1, 2012.